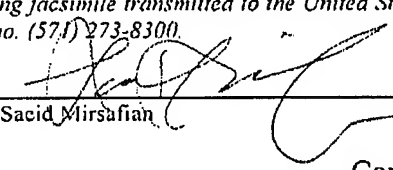


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
FROM THE OFFICE ACTION**

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Application No. : 10/726,177
Filed : December 1, 2003
Title : ELEMENT HAVING A SHAFT AND A HOLDING ELEMENT
CONNECTED THEREWITH FOR CONNECTING WITH A ROD

Grp./Div. : 3733
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Commissioner:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office action dated March 8, 2007 for 1 month(s) from June 8, 2007 to July 9, 2007.* (* Sunday)

The fee for extension of time required by 37 CFR § 1.17 is calculated below.

CALCULATION OF FEE			
LENGTH OF EXTENSION	SMALL ENTITY	LARGE ENTITY	FEE
WITHIN FIRST MONTH	\$ 60	\$ 120	\$120
WITHIN SECOND MONTH	\$ 225	\$ 450	\$
WITHIN THIRD MONTH	\$ 510	\$ 1020	\$
WITHIN FOURTH MONTH	\$ 795	\$1590	\$
WITHIN FIFTH MONTH	\$1080	\$2160	\$

The total amount of \$120 to cover the cost of the extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 03-1728.

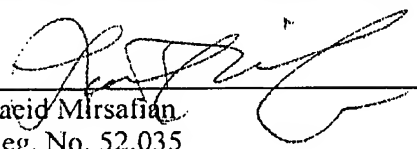
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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